

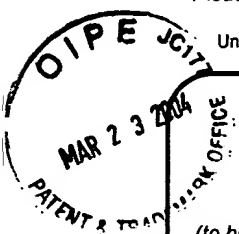
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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 8, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1-30, 33 and 41-42. This election is made **with traverse**.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all of claims 1-33 and 36-42 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See M.P.E.P. § 803 in which it is stated that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner **must** examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). In fact, claims to both groups have previously been searched and examined in this application. It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants, and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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